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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR and RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of works of CC Roads under MGNREGS Programme in PR Division, Tekkali, Srikakulam District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Smt. G. Tulasi, Panchayat Secretary, Kotha Agraharam and presently working as Panchayat Secretary, Kotapadu GP, Santabommali (M) Srikakulam District - Charge proved in the inquiry -Imposition of penalty of withholding of one (1) annual grade increment withoutcumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Orders –Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.589 **Dated: 08. 11.2021**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, GA (V&E) Department, VR No.11 (48/V&E/E2/2014), Dt.28.08.2014.
2. G.O.Rt.No.756,PR&RD(Vig.I)Department,Dt:15.06. 2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.759, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 15.06.2018.
4. From ENC, PR, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Ser.I(1)/2778/2014, Dt.02.11.2018.
5. From CPR&RE, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.547220/ DPR&RD /E2. Vig/2014, Dt.06.03.2019, 29.03.2019, 25.04.2019 & 22.05.2019.
6. G.O.Rt.No.235, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 12.05.2020.
7. From Sri J. Sathyanarayana, IPS (Retd.), Commissioner of Inquiries, G.A.(COI) Department and Inquiring Authority, D.O. Letter NO. 66/COI-JS/2020, dt: 30.09.2020.
8. Govt. Memo No. 15865/Vig.I//2014. PR&RD (Vigt. I) Dept., Dt: 10.11.2020.
9. From Smt. G. Tulasi, Panchayat Secretary, Kotapadu GP, Santhabommali Mandal, Srikakulam representation dt: 16.11.2020 (rec. on 31.03.2021)

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ORDER :

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department made in the reference 1st read above, on the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads under MGNREGS programme for the FY 2012-13 in PRI Division, Tekkali, Srikakulam District, Government in the reference 2nd read above, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of above said rules vide reference 3rd read above against Smt. G Tulasi, the then Panchayat Secretary, Kotha Agraharam, Srikakulam District with a direction to submit her written statement of defence.

(P.T.O.,)

Charge:

That Smt. Gajini Tulasi, former Panchayat Secretary of Kotha Agraharam Gram Panchayat of Nandigam Mandal presently working as Panchayat Secretary Gr.III of Polavaram Gram Panchayat Cluster of Tekkali Mandal has executed inferior quality cement concrete road with M30 Grade in construction of CC Road and drain in SC street of Jadyada village under MGNREGS works during the financial year 2012-13 while she was working as Panchayat Secretary in Kotha Agraharam Gram Panchayat of Nandigam Mandal and caused loss to the Govt. exchequer to an amount of Rs.5,49,403/-.

2. In the reference 5th read above, the Commissioner, PR&RD, AP, among others, has furnished the written statement of defense of Smt. G. Tulasi, Panchayat Secretary, dt: 20.3.2019. After examination of the matter, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, Government have entrusted the case to Commissioner of Inquiries and appointed Sri J. Sathyanarayana, IPS (Retd.), C.O.I, G.A (COI) Department as the Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charge framed against charged officer Smt. G. Tulasi, Panchayat Secretary and also other eighteen (18) co-charged officers involved in the case.

3 In the reference 7th read above, the Inquiring Authority has furnished inquiry report dt: 30.09.2020 along with his findings on each charged officer. In the findings the Inquiring Authority, among others, has held that the charge framed against the Charged Officer Smt. G. Tulasi, Panchayat Secretary is held as proved.

4. In the reference 8th read above, Government, among others, have communicated the copy of the Inquiry report to the charged officer Smt. G.Tulasi, Panchayat Secretary for submitting her representation, if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

5. In the reference 9th read above, the charged officer Smt. G. Tulasi, former Panchayat Secretary, Kotha Agraharam and presently working as Panchayat Secretary Grade-III,Kotapadu GP, Santhabommali Mandal, Srikakulam, has submitted representation duly stating that she has no technical knowledge to execute the work and the Inquiry Officer did not realise the same. She has requested to re-examine the matter and drop further action against her.

6. Government have examined the matter and observe that as per the Inquiry Officer's report, the Presenting Officer in her arguments has stated that the concrete cores did not achieve the specified strength in the said work. The C.O also made a similar contention during the inquiry that she is not having technical knowledge. But the

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Inquiry Authority has rejected this plea duly stating that the logic is after thought and the charged officer would have brought the same to the notice of higher authorities within the reasonable time at the time of entrusting the work. The I.A has held that the strength observed by V&E officials is less than the specified strength and the C.O failed to do so and hence the charge is held as proved. As per the written statements of defence of all the charged officers, the recovery proposed by the V&E was made good subsequently and this shows that there was substandard execution was carried out. As such, representation to drop further action is devoid of merits since she is not absolved from the charge.

7. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter have decided and hereby order to impose the penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Smt. G. Tulasi, former Panchayat Secretary, Kotha Agraharam and presently working as Panchayat Secretary Grade-III, Kotapadu GP, Santhabommali Mandal, Srikakulam District in the matter.

8. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P, Tadepalli, Guntur District is requested to take necessary action accordingly in thematter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Smt. G. Tulasi, former Panchayat Secretary, Kotha Agraharam and presently working as Panchayat Secretary Grade-III, Kotapadu GP, Santhabommali Mandal, Srikakulam District

through the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P, Tadepalli, Guntur District

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P, Tadepalli, Guntur District

(with a request to serve the order on the individual and furnish served copy to Government immediately).

Copy to:

The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (for information).

The A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.

Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER